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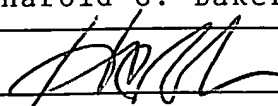
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, including particularly subsections (g) and (h) thereof, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98 including specifically subsection (d) thereof, Applicant calls to the attention of the Examiner the following documents, copies of which are enclosed:

A-1	US 3 812 467	Batcher
A-2	US 3 747 070	Huttenhoff
A-3	US 3 934 132	Desmonds
A-4	US 3 686 640	Andersen
A-5	US 3 800 289	Batcher
A-6	US 4 162 534	Barnes
A-7	US 4 271 480	Vinot
A-8	US 4 309 754	Dinwiddie, Jr.

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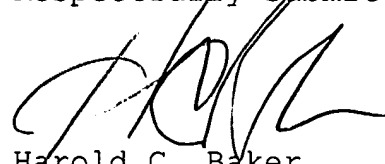
A-9	US	4	747	070	Trottier et al
A-10	US	5	802	399	Yumoto et al
A-11	US	4	942	396	Hartley et al
A-12	US	5	016	011	Hartley et al

These references were found during a search by the applicant.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be entered into the record of this application. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate area on the enclosed copy of PTO Form 1449, thereby indicating consideration by the Examiner of each of these references.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are patentable over the references identified herein, and requests timely and favourable examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted



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